



Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission

President - Dave Hacker
Treasurer - Robert Shepherd

Vice President – Kara Kish
Secretary - Dale Brier

July 13, 2016 1:00 pm

Delphi Opera House
109 S. Washington Street
Delphi, IN 46923

Attendance

Voting Members Present:

Adams County – Sandy Voglewede
Allen County – Kyle Quandt (alternate)
Carroll County – George Mears
Cass County – Arin Shaver
Fountain County – Phil Cox (proxy)
Gibson County – Bill Knowles
Huntington County - Dave Hacker
Knox County – Rama Sobhani
Miami County – Keith Poole (proxy)
Parke County – Penny Cox
Posey County – Ralph Weinzapfel
Tippecanoe County – Jim Andrew
Vermillion County – Penney Barton (alt.)
Vigo County – Kara Kish
Wabash County – Mike Beauchamp
Warren County – Steve Eberly
Wells County – Stacia Henderson (proxy)
DNR – Dale Brier (alternate)

Non-Voting Members Present:

none

Guests:

Shane Evans – Mayor of Delphi
Dan Goen – Banks of the Wabash
Louise Jewell – Warren Co. alternate
Don Mathis – Huntington Co. alternate
Dan McCain – Delphi Canal Center
David McCain - Delphi
Sara Peel – Wabash River Enhancement
Corporation
Rae Schnapp – Banks of the Wabash

Voting Members not present:

Jay County – Doug Inman
Sullivan County - John Gettinger

Meeting minutes

Call to Order, Introductions, Announce Proxies, Open Agenda

President Dave Hacker called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members and everyone in attendance introduced themselves. Dale Brier announced that Doug Sundling gave Wells County's proxy to Stacia Henderson, Ken Einselen gave Miami County's proxy to Keith Poole, and Bob Shepherd gave Fountain County's proxy to Phil Cox. There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

Review and Approval of March 2, 2016 Minutes

Jim Andrew motioned to approve the minutes as written, Bill Knowles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Comments from Visitors or Guests

Dan McCain welcomed everyone to Delphi and Carroll County and thanked the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission (WRHCC) for their support of the Canal Center over the years.

Dan Goen introduced himself as the new president of Banks of the Wabash (BOW). He is looking forward to being the head of that organization.

Finance Report (Dale Brier)

Dale Brier handed out a copy of the financial report through June 2016 (see attached), which covers the entire 2016 state fiscal year. The balance is \$101,000. Revenue is still down as expected and the fund only brought in \$108,000 this fiscal year. That is much less than half from last year. Jim Andrew asked what the highest annual revenue was, Brier did not know an exact amount, but it has been over \$250,000 multiple times. Phil Cox asked if the Pittsburg grant does not move forward if the money comes back to the fund, Brier said that it would. There will be a report on that grant later in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Budget – Bob Shepherd was not in attendance, Dale Brier handed out a budget report that Shepherd had prepared. It had been updated with the current financial report info. Brier did not think there was any chance of grant rounds in the next two years.

Executive – The executive committee has not met since the last meeting.

Old Business

Strategic planning action item updates – Kara Kish reported that Ken Einselen and Bill Smith from INDOT are working on the river road sign inventory. After we have an estimated number of signs and cost, the WRHCC can begin planning for purchasing the signs. Kish continues to work with Mark Newman from the Indiana Office of Tourism. Tourism is supportive of this river road project and should be able to help with marketing. Kish still needs all the counties to send her information on local tourism attractions. The locations should be within five miles of the river. She went over the categories of attractions and answered questions about filling out the forms used to collect the information. Kish will send the form to everyone very soon. Please have your county data completed by September 1. The plan is to have these submitted to Tourism by the end of the year. There was a lot of discussion about what to include in the list. Detailed descriptions of each attraction will also be needed later, but they can be submitted now if you want to do it all at the same time.

Previous Funding Requests –

- Ralph Weinzapfel gave a brief review of the Wonderful Wabash Canoe Trip in Posey County. Rama Sobhani motioned to fully fund the request at \$1000, George Mears seconded. Motion passed.
- Mike Beauchamp gave a brief review of the Clean out the Banks in Wabash County. He also mentioned they had removed around 1,600 tires from the river over the years and almost all are now gone. Arin Shaver motioned to fully fund the request for \$1000, Rama Sobhani seconded. Motion passed.

Brier reminded both groups to send him an invoice so he can process the payments.

Jim Andrew reported that Riverfest in Lafayette was a huge success. Don Mathis reported that over 400 people attended the Splash on the Wabash in Huntington County.

New Business

New funding requests - none

Grant projects updates – Rae Schnapp and Dan Goen gave a report on the status of the Pittsburg grant from 2012. Due to complications with land ownership and since the DNR has installed a ramp at that site, the Banks of the Wabash (BOW) will not be moving forward with site development. BOW will submit their expenses from surveying and planning and close the grant. Schnapp estimates that over \$50,000 of the grant funds will go back into the Wabash Fund.

Hacker reported that the project at the Historic Forks is working on their DNR Water permit for the bridge.

25th anniversary discussion – We are still planning to have the WRHCC 25th anniversary celebration in conjunction with our regular meeting on November 9. Jim Andrew said that McGraw's in Tippecanoe County could handle 75+ people with no problem; we could do 100 if needed. The owner will set up a limited menu for the attendees, our past meetings there have been a burger, chicken sandwich, or a salad. The restaurant is normally not open for lunch, so the entire place would be reserved for us. After discussion about other locations, Mike Beauchamp motioned to have the event at McGraw's, Sobhani seconded. Motion passed. Andrew will get back to the planning committee with prices and a menu. Brier and Kish will work on invitation and save the date announcements.

Brier will send out the historic membership list again, there are still about a third of the counties that have not responded. The intent is to invite all previous WRHCC Commissioners and anyone else who has been involved with the WRHCC over the years. We need your help to gather contact information for the past members and others.

The planning committee consists of Dave Hacker, Kara Kish, Bob Shepherd, Dale Brier, and Rama Sobhani. Jim Andrew will be in charge of the venue.

Announcements & General Reminders/Discussion

Other event announcements, festival dates for next year, etc.

- Hacker asked about shirts. Brier still has some extra shirts from the last order, if you need a shirt, please contact him. If there is a need for shirts, there may be another order.
- Sara Peel talked about the Sagamore Rd. Bridge over the Wabash in Lafayette that was demolished last week.
- Dan McCain mentioned a fundraiser for Labor Day. The Delphi Bridge Bash will have entertainment and a craft beer tasting.
- Penney Barton mentioned a Little Italy Festival on Labor Day in Vermillion County.

- Steve Eberly said there is an antique tractor festival in Warren County this weekend.

Other announcements and final comments –

- Kyle Quandt had the new blue way maps from NE Indiana. Kyle also talked about the dam safety efforts in the same watershed. She is happy to share the information about making and placing the low head dam safety signs.
- Dan McCain had a handout about Canal Park.
- David McCain had a handout about the new Freedom Bridge and the Bicentennial Park. He also mentioned the work they are doing on High Bridge and the High Bridge trail. He invited anyone who wanted to see the Freedom Bridge out for a tour immediately following this meeting.

Adjournment - Kara Kish motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rama Sobhani seconded. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Next Meeting: September 14, 2016 at 1:00 pm.
Merom Conference Center in Sullivan County
Tour the Conference center at 10:00 am
Lunch in the Cafeteria at 11:45 am

48686 Wabash River Heritage Corridor Fund

FY16 as of 06/30/2016

<u>Account</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
431401	AD - Oil and Gas royalty along		\$ 108,172.26
510101	Payroll Salaries & Wages	\$ 14,463.81	
516003	Payroll Social Security	\$ 1,038.53	
517003	Payroll Perf St Pd Em COntr	\$ 433.89	
517005	Payroll PERF State Share	\$ 1,619.97	
518105	Anthem CDHP1	\$ 1,023.14	
518107	Payroll Anthem Trad HDHP	\$ 103.05	
518151	Anthem Trad 2	\$ 385.02	
518606	Payroll Life Insurance	\$ 21.48	
518796	Payroll Anthem Dental Trad	\$ 36.73	
518798	Payroll Delta Dental Trad	\$ 39.64	
518800	Anthem Vision	\$ 9.66	
518901	Payroll Employee Assistance	\$ 2.47	
519006	Payroll Long Term Disability	\$ 253.11	
519503	Payroll Def Comp - StateMatch	\$ 88.90	
519721	Payroll Health Savings Acct 1	\$ 151.95	
519725	HSA Health Savings Acct 2	\$ 5.69	
541002	Mot Veh Ex - Gasoline	\$ 155.75	
547046	SpOp-Audio Visual	\$ 27.68	
591014	NonRealEstRnt-Meeting Rooms	\$ 47.01	
591024	NonRealEstRnt-Vehicle Rentals	\$ 349.12	
595110	InState Travel - Mileage	\$ 7,789.60	
595120	InState Travel - Per Diem&Meal	\$ 1,598.35	
595130	InState Travel - Lodging	\$ 3,141.15	
599026	AdmOp-Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 100.00	
599107	AdmOp - Art & Design	\$ -	
599116	AdmOp-Event Sponsor	\$ 6,000.00	
659410	Postage	\$ 493.14	
659792	Printing Service	\$ 147.35	
750007	Approp Tfr - OUT	\$ 250,000.00	
Total FY16 Expense To Date:		\$ 289,526.19	

Fund Balance:		
	6/30/2015	\$283,113
FY16 revenues		\$108,172
FY16 Expenses		\$289,526
FY16 Encumbrances		\$0
balance as of 06/30/2016		\$101,759

DNR payroll	\$ 19,677.04
travel costs	\$ 13,033.97
sponsorships	\$ 6,000.00
operating	\$ 815.18
grants	\$ 250,000.00
Total	\$ 289,526.19